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New England Roads Have
Hearing Before I. C. C.
in Boston

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MILE FOR MILEAGES

And an Increase of 15 Per
Cent. in Freight
Rates

Boston, Nov. 22.—A hearing on petitions for increases in passenger fares and class freight rates recently filed by New England railroads was conducted by George W. Anderson of the interstate commerce commission here yesterday. Members of the various state railroad and public service commissions in the district were invited to sit with Commissioner Anderson.

Under the proposed passenger rate schedule, the cost of mileage books would be increased from 2½ to 2½ cents a mile, single fare tickets from 2½ to 2½ cents, and commutation tickets by a flat 25 per cent. The increases in class freight rates would average 15 per cent.

AMERICANS ORDERED OUT OF CHIHUAHUA

Officials and Employees of American
Smelting & Refining Co. Begin to
Arrive at Border.

El Paso, Nov. 22.—Officials and employees of the American Smelting & Refining Co. in the state of Chihuahua have been ordered to the border and eight of the principal officials already have arrived here. The company's Mexican interests said here the action was a precautionary measure and that work had been stopped to await developments in northern Mexico.

DEER KILLED MONDAY 110.

Excluding Last Day of Season, 569 Had
Been Reported.

The report given out to-day from the office of the state fish and game commissioner includes the number of deer shot up to Monday night, a total of 569 for the season up to the last day, and 110 for Monday alone. This was five more than were reported for Saturday. Essex county again reported the largest number, 21, with Windham 15, Bennington 13 and Washington 11.

By counties the report is as follows: Addison—South Lincoln 1, Starksboro 1, Monkton 3, total 5; Bennington—Shaftsbury 2, Glastonbury 1, Sunderland 4, Sandgate 1, Peru 1, Roadboro 3, Stamford 1, total 13; Caledonia—Newark 1, Sutton 1, Peacham 1, Danville 1, total 4; Chittenden—Jonesville 1, Huntington 1, Jericho 1, Underhill 1, total 4; Essex—Concord 3, Bloomfield 1, Victory 1, Lunenburg 3, Brighton 4, Maidstone 1, Ferdinand 3, Brunswick 5, total 21; Franklin—Bakersfield 3, Fairfax 1, Montgomery Center 1, total 5; Lamoille—Stowe 2, Wolcott 1, Hyde Park 1, Belvidere 1, Cambridge 1, total 6; Orleans—Irassburg 1, Lowell 5, total 6; Orange—Orange 1, Braintree 1, Newbury 1, total 3; Rutland—Pittsfield 2, Fair Haven 1, Mount Tabor 1, Mount Holly 3, total 7; Washington—Worcester 2, Middlesex 1, Waterbury 5, Fayston 1, Marshfield 1, Woodbury 1, total 11; Windham—Wardsboro 2, Sharon 1, Grafton 2, Bridgewater 1, Dover 2, Stratton 2; Londonderry 2, Newfane 1, Marlboro 1, total 14; Windsor—Cavendish 1, Bethel 3, Barnard 3, Pomfret 1, Weston 2, Stockbridge 1, total 11.

JOFFRE TO BE HONORED.

By Election to the French Academy, It Is
Expected.

Paris, Nov. 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Belief that Marshal Joffre would be the next person elected to the French Academy has been entertained by the public for months but his reported decision to follow the rule of the academy by announcing himself as a candidate appears to create a situation resembling a deadlock.

The thirty-four "immortals" now composing the academy are said to be unanimously in favor of Joffre as the first of the six new members to be elected. Everyone has talked about the eventuality—everyone but Joffre, and it appears to be essential that the retiring hero of the Marne speak up if he wants to become an "immortal." It is a rule of the academy that aspirants for membership declare their candidacy and it has been the tradition that they should call upon the members to solicit their votes, much in the same way as a candidate for a political office. This Joffre has not done and it is said that he will not do it.

"The marshal has never had any ambition to become an academician," said a close friend of Joffre. "In fact, he asserts that he has no right or title to the honor. Several of his friends have urged him to propose his candidacy, but he considers that there is no personal consideration in the matter, that if he were chosen it would be simply in honor of the army and that, consequently, personal solicitations or expressions of personal preference in the matter are not in order."

The question now is whether the illustrious commander will sacrifice his traditions in order to choose the marshal for one of the vacant seats.

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Our country has a big work to perform, and this next week Thursday we ought to be thankful that we have the power, courage, and unity of purpose to make this world, in President Wilson's undying words, Safe for Democracy.

Mothers and fathers who have sons in the army or navy, or daughters in the Red Cross service, should be proud and thankful that they can give so much to our great cause, the nation is proud to have such manhood and womanhood.

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TO ENTER POLITICS.

Millions of Co-operators in England Have
Decided.

London, Nov. 22.—Co-operators who number many millions and who heretofore concerned themselves in commercial movements have decided to use their votes and influence in politics and other directions. At the conclusion of a conference which has been sitting several days it was decided to form a political party and to seek direct representation in Parliament and on local municipal and administrative bodies.

The conference unanimously adopted a plan of industrial, social and economic reform, which included the following aims:

Safeguarding of the interests of voluntary co-operation.
Eventual direction by the state of processes of production, distribution and exchange.
Elimination by legislative action of profiteers and other speculators.
Compulsory housing.
An educational system on national lines affording equal opportunity for higher education for all.
Effective parliamentary control of foreign policy.
Abolition of food taxes.
Scientific development of agriculture.
Democratization of state service.
Establishment of a state bank and a national credit bank to facilitate the development of trade.
Gradual demobilization corresponding with the needs of employment.

JAVA IS BOOMING.

War Has Given Great Impetus to Industrial Life.

Batavia, Netherlands, East Indies, Nov. 22.—The war seems to have given an impetus to industrial development in Java. One notable instance is the extension of the Bandung quinine manufactory, which is to be completed by January next. When the daily output has been raised to 2,000 kilograms it is expected that it will be possible to work the entire cinchona-bark crop of Java, thus obviating the necessity of shipments to Europe and effecting an enormous saving of cargo space. Such new industries as an ink manufacturing and varnish works have been established.

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BRITISH SHIP LOSSES

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Seventeen Merchantmen Were Sunk By
German Submarines—Ten of Lost
Ships Were of Large
Size.

London, Nov. 22.—Seventeen British merchantmen were sunk by mines or submarines last week, according to the weekly statement by the admiralty. Of these ten were vessels of 1,600 tons and over and seven of less than 1,600 tons.

Last week's record of British merchantmen sunk greatly exceeds that of the previous week, when only one vessel of 1,600 tons or over and five craft of less tonnage were sent to the bottom. In fact it represents in the aggregate the greatest number of vessels destroyed since the week of Oct. 28, when 18 were lost. Since then there had been a gradual falling off in shipping losses until the minimum since Germany's intensified submarine campaign began was reached Nov. 11, with a total of six.

As far as the losses of large vessels are concerned, however, the present admiralty report apparently bears out the optimistic statement made recently by Premier Lloyd George that he had no further fear of submarines, and of the first lord of the admiralty that enemy

submarines were being sunk to an increasing extent for the sinkings in the 1,600 and over category last week were the lowest since March, except for the weeks of Sept. 16, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, when in the two former weeks the total in each instance was eight and in the latter one.

Premier Lloyd George in his address to the House of Commons early in the present week said that five submarines had been destroyed last Saturday, but he gave no further information on the subject. Sir Eric Geddes, the new first lord of the admiralty, in his maiden speech before Parliament, asserted that between 40 and 50 per cent of German submarines operating in the North sea and the Arctic and Atlantic oceans since the beginning of the war had been sunk. He added that enemy submarines were being sunk to an increasing extent, but that the Germans were building them faster than they previously had done.

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Don't Talk; Fight.

Word comes from the front, from the navy, from the training camps, from every focus of real war activity, that the fighting men of this nation and the fighting men of our allies are deadly sick of sentiment, slush and talky-talk.

Talky-talk is a national habit that is degenerating into a national disease. We talk a thing over, come to an irresistible conclusion, then consider it done. If we get something printed in the papers, then, of course, the thing is done, finished, completed, attained.

Last week The Herald had something to say about the inability of the post-office department to get letters to the boys in France. Possibly at that very moment the presses were running off the article in the Sunday papers which told of what the department was going to do in the way of marvelous organization of the mail service abroad.

Within a few days, newspapers have published appeals from the Red Cross for more socks, sweaters, helmets, wristlets, etc. Immediately Josephus Daniels, from the ease of a swivel chair and comfortably adjacent to a steam radiator, gave out a statement that the navy furnished all the clothes needed by the jacksies and that such additional comforts were not needed!

Everyone knows that one of the reasons why more American troops are not fighting in France is because there are not enough ships to carry men, munitions and supplies across the water, yet almost every newspaper has been "fed up" with a tale of how enormously the government is going to increase the available tonnage.

The war department announced that

only 33 1-3 per cent. of the men trained at Plattsburg would be given commissions, then, after reading the newspapers, had its mind changed and decided to use them all in some capacity.

One might multiply the instances indefinitely. Talk, blurb, press-agent stuff and official statements galore, yet all that France and England ask of us is just men on the fighting line, more men for training, more ships for transports, more destroyers for submarine chasers, more food, more munitions, more airplanes and more men to man them.

France and England have had their fill of talk and newspaper publicity. What they want from us is a little more fighting and a little less talk. And, when we consider what France and England have endured for us, the desire is founded in reason and good sense.

Let's have a little less talk and a little more fighting, gentlemen of the national press-agents' association in Washington.—Rutland Herald.

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